History of Richard and Emily Hamblin

Richard Hamblin was born on Dec. 21, 1852 in Newbury, Berkshire, England to Isaac and Jane Nalder Hamblin. He was the 4th child of a family of 11. His mother died May 6, 1868 leaving only 2 of her children living, Richard, 16, and Mary Ann, 21. Richard, being very small, had been a jockey up to this time. After his mother died, he came to Layton, Utah and worked for his mothers brother, Stephen Nalder.

The following is a copy of a letter from Richard No. 90 Bartholomew St, Newbury, Berkshire to Stephen Nalder, who came with the Joseph W. Young Company to Utah in 1853.

My dear unkel,

I am just come home to dinner and I new set down to wright these fue lins to you hoping to find you all well as it leaves us three at prese

Dear unkel my dear mother is dead. She died with the heart complaint May 6 and May 20th would have been her birthday and she would have been 46 years of age. My dear grandmother is dead also and Unkel Richard dropt down dead in Northbrook St one Satterday night when he had done his work. Dear unkel there is Aunt Elizabeth dead too. Father is alive and my sister Mary Ann and I am Richard the one you gave the horse and cart too and I am 16 years of age and my sister is 21. Dear unkel I go to work at Mr. Bances the cloth merchant in Bartholomew St. Dear Mother had had 11 children and only two alive. Dear unkel we have seen some ups and downs in our time for my sister run away on Monday with a young man and they are at his house. She took a great deal with her and I have no more to say about her. My father is having his pipe of tobacco and he sends his love of you all and I send my love as well. Please unkel will you send back and tell us how you all get on there. I must close with kind love to all goodby.

While working for his uncle, he managed to save $350.00 which was enough for a return ticket to England. But while he was waiting for his ship, he was robbed of all his money. He was very anxious to return so he stowed away on the ship, but was soon discovered and taken to the Captain. After much pleading, he was allowed to pay for his fare by peeling potatoes and washing dishes.

The following is part of a letter written by William Nalder to Stephen Nalder.

June 15, 1872

Dear Uncle, I was very pleased with your kind letter and I think it was very bad of Richard to run away like that.

This is the only mention of Richard, the rest of the letter deals with Nalders.

Fredrick Nalder and Richard Hamblin were sponsored by Stephen Nalder and both came to America together in late 1868 or early 1869 and lived with Stephen.

When Richard arrived home in Newbury, his father was ill. He had married Mary Fulbrook on the 14th of April 1869 and had had two children. Mary had deserted her family and Isaac had hired a young woman, Emily Sloper, to care for the children, Thomas William and Sarah Henrietta. Richard fell in love with Emily and they were married Jan. 1, 1874. He took over his fathers work as a chimney sweep until his father died. He made extra money by selling the soot for paint coloring. He didn't have much money and so he placed his half brother and sister in an orphanage. He, Emily and their 3 month old baby, Richard Henry Plantagent, born April 11, 1875, sailed for the United States. When they arrived they had only $5.00 and no papers for the baby. The emigrant agent took the $5.00 leaving them penniless.

They traveled by train to Utah, the trip taking 9 days. They lived in a one room house with a lean to provided by his uncle Stephen. On Oct. 26, 1876 another son, Ernest, was born.

In 1869 The Utah Central Railroad established a stop at Syracuse Junction which later became Clearfield. In 1878 Richard and Emily came here to homestead. Hot hot it must have been with no water, no trees, no lawn, no flowers or garden; just sand hills with a few level spots between. Their son, Moroni, was the first white child born in this area on Oct 12, 1878. Emily baked bread and shared it with the Indians. She had an old pistol with ball that wouldn't shoot for protection. They shoveled a dugout for a home. It had a thatched roof of sagebrush covered with dirt. Richard walked to Layton to work in order to purchase a team of oxen. With the oxen he was able to haul their water from Kays Creek in Layton. He was very skillful with these animals and used them for several years, but finally, as more rapid transportation became imperative, he traded his oxen for a team of small horses. These he found to be swifter but not so strong and steady as the oxen had been. He cleared his land of sagebrush (10 acres) with the help of his uncle and planted grain.

On Nov. 20, 1882 he received a deed for his homestead of 160 acres. It was signed by President Chester a Arthur and Asst. Secretary O.S. Judd.

In 1880 they added two log rooms above their dugout and on Aug. 20, 1881 Fredrick John was born.

They made several attempts to find water by digging wells, but were unsuccessful. Finally, in 1881, Richard returned to the first well and digging by hand went down 100 feet shoring it up as he wnet. Still, he did not find water and so he told Emily they would have to leave. They went to bed very discouraged. During the night, Emily had a dream or vision that she was looking down the well and saw jewels in the bottom. This woke her up; she got up and went out to the well and found it half full of water. Richard built a wooden windmill over the well and also a small concrete lined reservoir to store the water in during the night and then he would water his garden and orchard with it during the day.

They moved the two log rooms closer to the well and built 2 more rooms of lime concrete on to the first two rooms. Here, the rest of their family was born.

They went by team and wagon to St. George for strawberry plants and had to stop several times on the return trip to wet them. Later, some of his sons raised strawberries for the Ogden and Evanston markets.

March 8, 1883 Richard sold 40 acres to Hyrum Evans for $50.00 and another 40 acres to Thomas Evans for $50.00.

In 1884 the Davis and Weber Counties Canal came into being because of the completion of the East Canyon Dam and then more people settled in the area, most of them choosing to settle in Syracuse.

In 1882 an LDS branch was organized in Syracuse and on Dec. 1, 1895 a ward was organized by George Q. Cannon. David Cook was the bishop with James G. Wood and James T. Walker as his counselors. In 1898 a one room brick chapel was built on Richard T. Venable's farm. (East of Karl Zauggs farm--the school was built east of the railroad tracks on the southside of the street--700 S.)

Sept. 3, 1896 Richard, Emily and their six oldest children were baptized. Their oldest son, Richard, served a mission in Islinton, London, England from Oct. 23, 1897 to Sep. 23, 1899.

As the community grew there were enough people to form a Clearfield Ward. On Nov. 3, 1907 a meeting was held in the newly completed warehouse of the Clearfield Canning Company and James G. Wood was sustained as the bishop of the newly created Clearfield Ward. His counselors were David Stoker and LeRoy B. Marsh. During Bishop Woods administration the first chapel was built and was dedicated by Pres. Joseph F. Smith on Sep. 17, 1911.

The Hamblins next built a red brick house on 700 S. It was built close to the railroad. About 1907 they built a white brick home east of the red brick which they then sold to the railroad on May 24, 1911. They had a telephone about 1907 and it cost $4.50 for 3 months, paying 15¢ to call Ogden. They subscribed to the Salt Lake Tribune semiweekly and paid $3.50 for 14 months.

In 1913 Emily had to go to the Thomas D. Dee Hospital for 7 days. The charge was $2.00 per day and $10.00 for the operating room.

Richard was a diabetic and Naomi, one of his daughters- in- law went to his home daily and gave him a shot for it.

Richard had planned on Emily out-living him, but she passed away Oct 28, 1928. He was so grieved and lost that nothing much mattered to him. His daughter, Delores, and her family moved in with him. After his death on March 23, 1929, their house belonged to their daughter, Jane. At times she rented it, but when it was vacant, April 8, 1932 it caught fire and burned to the ground.

In Clearfields, Central Park a marker was erected by the DUP in honor of Clearfields first settler. It was unveiled Sep. 28, 1957 by Emily McBride, a granddaughter.

He composed this poem in her memory.

Lonely like a withered tree,
What was all the world to me?
Life and light were all in thee,
Sweet Emily, my own.

Over thy grave I weep goodbye,
Hear, oh, hear, my lonely cry.
Oh, without thee, what am I?
Sweet Emmie, my own.

Faded now seems everything,
But when comes the eternal spring
With thee, I'll be wandering,
Sweet Emmie, my own.

By May 25, 1975 there have been 9 sets of twins born in the Hamblin families: 6 girls and 12 boys.

At the end of 1976 there were 838 descendants of Richard and Emily.

Richard lived to be 78. Emily lived to be 74. All other Hamblins have died before the age of 70 except Moroni who was 71; Perry was 70 in 1977, Pete turned 70 in 1978 and Francis turned 70 in 1980.

I, Bertha Paice Hamlin, married to Emery, a grandson, have always been thankful I knew his grandparents. In 1977 I knew the markers needed some work done on them. The cement had broken from arounf the outside, altho the markers themselves were in good shape; my son, Bert, repaired them.

The following is a list of missionary descendants. Parents name is in parenthesis.

Jane's family:
Perry 14 Dec 1928-15 March 1931 Mississippi Mission
Richard Brown (Anita) Brazil 19 Sep 1970-19 Sep 1972
Robert Hal Jensen (Ilene) Ohio, West Vir. 15 June 1974-June 1976
Terrie Lynn Jensen (Ilene) Cal San Diego 16 Apr 1978- 2 Oct 1979
John Myron Jensen (Ilene) Norway, Oslo 14 July 1977- 2 Aug 1979
Timothy Neal Jensen (Ilene) Japan, Sapporo 26 Jan 1978- 4 Jan 1980
Darren Parry (Darlene) Manchester, Eng March 1979-

Moroni's family:
Jerry Hamblin (Wilford) England 31 Oct 1960-Oct 1962
Donald Barber (Ruby) North Eastern 23 Oct 1960-19 Oct 1962
David Ashdown (Norma) Brazil Central 6 June 1970- June 1972
Stephen Baxter (Donna) Minneapolis, Minn. 9 Oct 1976-14 Oct 1978
Diane Ashdown (Norma) Norway, Oslo 27 Mar 1980-

Richard's family:

Richard Islinton, London, Eng. 23 Oct 1897-23 Sep 1899
Morton David Sparks (June) N. Cal. 22 Jan 1962-28 Jan 1964
Clair Hamblin-(Neldon) Calgary, Alberta 16 June 1977--16 June 1979
Douglas B. Hamblin (Neldon) Manchester, Eng. 24 Apr 1980-

Fredrick's family:

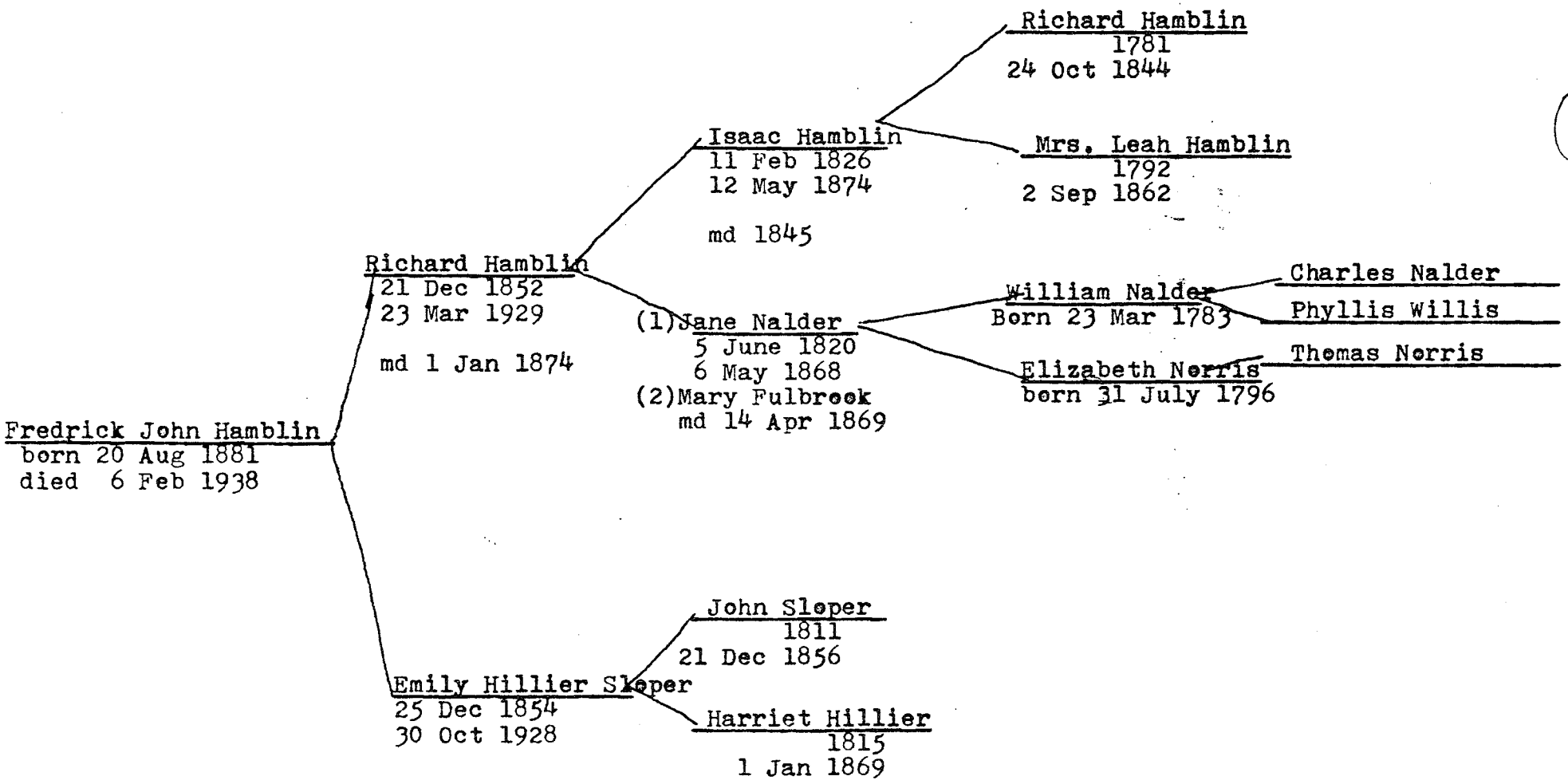
Ronald Hamblin (Floyd) Great Lakes 9 Jan 1961--Jan 1963
Stanley E. Hamblin (Floyd) French East 18 Nov 1963-Nov 1965
Steven Hamblin (Floyd) Cal. Anaheim 19 Oct 1978-
Jeffrey H. Jacobs (Fay) Argentina Oct 1969-Oct 1971
Alan C. Jacobs (Fay) Sau Paulo, Brazil 24 Mar 1973-28 Mar 1975
Kevin E. Jacobs (Fay) Taiwan, Taipei 12 Oct 1974-15 Sep 1976
Valerie Jacobs (Fay) Washington, Spokane 1 Feb 1979- 1 Sep 1980
Ross Knight (Marie) Rochester, N.Y. 10 Sep 1970- 19 Aug 1972
Val Knight (Marie) SE Asia (Thailand) 10 Mar 1973- 14 Mar 1975
Mark Knight (Marie) Illinois, Chicago June 1978- Dec 1978
Glain Knight (Marie) Cal, Anaheim 24 April 1980-
Curtis Dickson (Alice) Japan 11 Jan 1973- 27 Dec 1974
Terry Tippets (Barbara) Oregon 3 Jan 1976-Jan 1978
Kevin Bassett (Doris Todd) Arizona 28 Feb 1980

Ralph's family:

Scott R. Frost (Barbara) Oklahoma, Tulsa 9 July 1977- June 1979
Timothy Frost (Barbara) Lansing, Mich. 5 June 1980

Arch's family:

Kevin Hamblin (LaVor) Ohio, W. Vir. 5 Jan 1974- 16 Dec 1975



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